

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 3

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Shelly Rice on being named a 2012 "12 Who Made a Difference" by *The Commercial Appeal*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2012, Shelly Rice was recognized as one of *The Commercial Appeal's* "12 Who Made a Difference" for his tireless commitment to improving lives in the Greater Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, a native of Frayser, Mr. Rice is the son of Ed Rice, local businessman and "Mayor of Frayser," who founded the old Frayser Civic Club; and

WHEREAS, following in his father's footsteps, Shelly Rice is now president of the Frayser Exchange Club, in which position he has greatly revitalized the community through a focus on schools, parks, jobs, housing, crime, and blight; and

WHEREAS, with weekly meetings at Sarah Lee's Kitchen on North Watkins, the Frayser Exchange Club boasts a robust membership that has been bolstered by a successful partnership with Pastor DeAndre Brown's Blight Patrol; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Shelly Rice takes his place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Shelly Rice, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Shelly Rice on being named a 2012 "12 Who Made a Difference" by *The Commercial Appeal*, thank him for all he has done to make Memphis and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.